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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Stephen A. Thomas et al.)	Art Unit: 2633
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Serial No.: 10/045,652)	Confirmation No.: 1907
)	
Filed: October 26, 2001)	Examiner: A. Bello
)	
For: Method and System for Processing)	
Downstream Packets of an Optical)	
Network)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 18, 2005

Responsive to the Official Office Action mailed on November 18, 2004 and with a petition and one-month extension of time fee to extend the due date to March 18, 2005, the Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to telephone number 703-872-9306, Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, Attn. Examiner Bello, GAU 2633, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 18, 2005.


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